

PRICE ONE CENT.

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5 BLOWN UP IN A BARGE.

Explosion on the J. C. Fitzpatrick Sends Vessel to the Bottom and No Trace of the Crew.

BOUND FOR NEW BEDFORD.

Sailed from Philadelphia with Cargo of Coal and Reported Lost by Tugmen—Two of the Victims Are Known.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 3.—The tug Sweepstakes, just arrived here, reports the loss of the barge J. C. Fitzpatrick off Long Island last night.

The barge's boiler blew up and she sank immediately with five men who were aboard.

George Davis, captain of the barge, thought to be from Philadelphia, and John Nelson, of this city, were among the victims. The names of the others have not been learned.

The barge J. C. Fitzpatrick, in tow of the Sweepstakes, was bound from Philadelphia for New Bedford with 1,400 tons of bituminous coal. She was owned by the Boutelle Transportation Company, of Cleveland, O.

The cause of the boiler explosion is not known, the barge sinking with her bow down before assistance could reach her.

The vessel went down off Southampton, L. I.

PASSED BURNING STEAMER AT SEA

Two Incoming Coasters Report Sighting Blazing Wreck, Supposed to Be the Freightier John J. Hill, of Philadelphia.

The steamers El Cid, from Galveston, and El Monte, from New Orleans, which arrived to-day, both reported having passed on April 1 a burning steamer. The El Monte, which sighted the derelict ninety miles south by east of Fraying-Pan Shoal Lightship, stood by until morning and found that the vessel had been abandoned. All the boats were gone. The officers were unable to identify the steamer. The El Cid passed the vessel in latitude 25° 04' longitude 77° 55'.

Capt. Baker, of the El Cid, reported that he passed close to the burning vessel, which was evidently lumber laden. She had burned aft, and the stern was submerged, the bow being high out of water.

The steamer was painted green on the hull and black on the superstructure. Scuttled brass, the consignees of the cargo of the steamer John J. Hill, say the description of the burning steamer corresponds with that vessel. The John J. Hill left Jacksonville, Fla., March 28 for New York, and should have reached port three days ago.

On Tuesday the Morgan line steamer Excelsior, passing Jupiter, Fla., sighted "Philadelphia," a steamer, ten miles off shore. It was then supposed that the men on the Excelsior were from the steamer Winfred, which was reported to have foundered. The Winfred has since arrived at Southport, N. C. It is possible the Excelsior intended to signal "John J. Hill, Philadelphia," etc., the Hill belonging to Philadelphia. The Excelsior will arrive in New Orleans to-day.

STEAMSHIP GRAZES A MONSTER ICEBERG.

Bardian with Hundreds of Passengers Has Narrow Escape from Going to Bottom.

(Special to The Evening World.)
MAYFAIR, N. S., April 2.—The steamer Bardian, which arrived here to-day, had a thrilling experience at midnight Wednesday. It was close to a watch for icebergs. Suddenly a huge one loomed up a short distance ahead.

The helm was put hard to port and the Bardian struck the berg a glancing blow. She shivered from stem to stern and passengers ran to the deck to see the cause of the alarm. The ship had a close call. She lost one of her Scotch immigrants and left for Portland.

70 VICTIMS OF MINE EXPLOSION.

Workmen Entombed in Gas-Filled Colliery and Rescuers Driven Back by Noxious Fumes—Flames Are Also a Menace.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 3.—South Wilkesbarre shaft of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company was this afternoon the scene of an explosion, which, according to all accounts obtainable, is one of the worst that has occurred in the anthracite region for some time.

The explosion occurred in the No. 3 lift of No. 10 slope and seventy men who went into that portion of the mine to work are entombed.

Following the explosion there was a cave in and then the workings caught fire.

Attempts have been made to reach the victims, but to no avail, the afterdamp and gas being too heavy.

One effort to reach the affected part of the mine was made through the No. 3 slope, but this failed, the rescuing party when they had reached a distance about half way down the slope being forced to retreat by the gas.

Not despairing of finally reaching the men in some way two foremen have taken a selected gang of expert men into the mine in an endeavor to work their way to the section where the explosion is supposed to have occurred.

Cars of lumber to be used as braces were lowered into the shaft, it being the plan of the rescuers to construct air courses and in that manner drive the foul air before them. This method, if followed, will consume considerable time, and it may be hours before the entombed men are reached.

Thousands of people, attracted by the news of the accident, have flocked to the scene, and the hills east of the colliery are covered with people.

This mine is one of the most gaseous in the entire valley, and has long been regarded as a dangerous operation. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

ALBANY BILLS THAT ARE BAD.

Lobby Working for Wilcox Measure, Which Takes Place of Goodsell Grab and Gives Everything to Railroads.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, April 3.—Now it is the Wilcox grab instead of the Goodsell, but it is the same brazen grab bill which has aroused a storm of opposition in New York City.

Threatened with defeat, the promoters of the Goodsell measure have merged it with a Brady bill and put forth the combination measure in the name of Wilcox.

Wilcox is chairman of the Senate Committee on Railroads and lives in Auburn.

Under the Wilcox bill, street railroad corporations can retain all the privileges granted by conflicting provisions of the general laws. They can build extensions, renew old or abandoned lines, alter or abolish transfer systems and do about as they please.

In addition all acts of the past, whether legal or criminal, are made legal by the bill.

Not a single backer of the Goodsell-Brady-Wilcox grab has dared to defend it before the Legislature.

The Metropolitan Street Railway is back of this and other bills which are a part of it.

Street railroads in Buffalo and other parts of the State also will gain great privileges if the Wilcox grab is passed.

Chief among supporters of this measure is the lobby. Money almost without limit is available to put it through the Legislature.

Apparently the bill will be passed.

ROSENBAUM CALLS GREENE AS WITNESS

Slueth Charged with Extortion Will Ask Police Commissioner to Testify for Him.

Police Commissioner Greene and Deputy Commissioner Piper have been served with subpoenas to appear in Yorkville Police Court next Monday afternoon to testify in the case of Louis C. Rosenbaum, charged with extortion.

The Chief Clerk of the Police Department has also been subpoenaed to appear with certain records.

Rosenbaum has acted as a stool pigeon for the Police Department and for the District Attorney. His object in calling the heads of the department is to show that outsiders are employed to get evidence and that he has been so employed.

Rosenbaum caused the house of Mrs. Mary De Marc in St. Mark's place to be raided last week. She says that he called on her the next day and said he could fix the case for \$25. She agreed to pay \$15, notified the police, and it is said that detectives caught Rosenbaum accepting \$15 in marked bills.

He says it is a put-up job on the part of the police, because he is the chief witness against two rascals of the East Fifth street station, who are to be tried on charges.

NO CREDIT TO MY NIECE

—MRS. HENRY S. HOYT

Wealthy Old Lady Publishes a Warning that She Will Not Pay Debts of Mrs. J. K. Van Rensselaer.

SOCIETY WONDERS WHY.

Young Woman Is Noted in Social Circles—Aunt Scorns the "400" and Leaves Every Season to Avoid Them.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEWPORT, R. I., April 3.—An afternoon newspaper publishes over the signature of Mrs. Henry S. Hoyt an announcement that she will no longer be responsible for bills contracted by her niece, Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, of New York, and that hereafter tradesmen are not to extend credit to any one using her name except upon her written order.

The announcement has caused a sensation in Newport, which will extend to New York, as it was supposed that Mrs. Hoyt and her beautiful niece were on the best of terms.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer has been making her home with her aunt for several years. It is understood that following a disagreement with Mrs. Hoyt she went to New York. What the cause of the rupture is cannot be learned, but it certainly was an affair of importance to warrant Mrs. Hoyt, eccentric as she is, in publicly making an announcement of repudiation of debts contracted by Mrs. Van Rensselaer.

Had a Painful Accident.

Mrs. Hoyt is ninety-three years of age. About three weeks ago she slipped and fell, and the fall did her some harm. She has been in bed ever since, and is now in a very weak condition. She is now in a very weak condition.

She is one of the most widely known women of Newport society, although she is not in the best of health. She is now in a very weak condition.

Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer is the wife of a member of the old Van Rensselaer family of New York. Her husband is in the real estate business at No. 81 Nassau street. She is an uncommonly handsome woman, and a social leader. One of her sons runs a cheese store in New York.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer is a cousin of Mrs. Van Rensselaer-Cruger, the authoress, and is related by marriage to some of the first families of the metropolis. Mrs. Hoyt is the aunt of Gould Redmond, who sailed for Europe with his sister on Wednesday.

Her Mind Is Poisoned.

Mr. John King Van Rensselaer was found at his real estate office this afternoon. Mr. Van Rensselaer gave the following explanation of the trouble in Newport:

"For the past four years," he said, "my wife has been lying at Newport taking care of Mrs. Hoyt. About ten days ago she came to this city to visit the family of Edgar B. Richards, at No. 34 West Eighty-ninth street, for a little rest and relaxation after the arduous work of looking after the comfort of her aunt."

"In her absence a person employed by Mrs. Hoyt had poisoned the old lady's mind against her."

WOMAN'S GEMS STOLEN ON CAR

A woman who gave the name of Mrs. L. R. Maehl reported to the police that she was robbed this afternoon on a Sixth avenue elevated car of a necklace containing 72 pearls, a ring with two diamonds and \$260 in cash.

She gave her address as No. 16 West Sixty-eighth street. Mrs. Maehl boarded the car at Forty-fourth street. She had a small chatelaine bag fastened to the waist band of her skirt. She had ridden but a block when she found the bag was open and her valuables gone.

LATE RESULTS AT BENNING.

Sixth Race—Sir Florian 1, H. L. Coleman 2, Benkart 3.

AT MEMPHIS.

Fourth Race—Witful 1, Banter 2, Judge Himes 3.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia (A. L.) 9; Brown College, 3.

MRS. JOHN KING VAN RENSSELAER, WHOSE AUNT TURNS AGAINST HER.



JOCKEY BURNS HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Interlude Fell with Him in Second Race, but Tommy Hung On to His Neck and Finished Uninjured.

(Special to The Evening World.)

Tommy Burns, the jockey, had a narrow escape in the second race. The favorite, Interlude, stumbled while in the lead in front of the grand stand and the rider shot over the horse's head. Burns managed to hold on to Interlude's neck and climbed back into the saddle. He then rode out the race.

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BENNING, RACE TRACK, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—One of the most interesting cards of the meeting was attributed by Mr. Crickmore for the entertainment of racegoers this afternoon. It was a card which promised large rewards to those fortunate enough to select the winners. In every race there were two or three horses that appeared to have equal chances to win. Programmes like these furnish good betting, good speculation and add considerable zest to the racing.

The weather was cloudy during the greater part of yesterday, and was again cloudy this morning, so that the track was much slower getting into condition than it would have been if it had been exposed to a hot sun.

It was nevertheless in excellent condition, though not at its best. The attendance was large. The crowds have been more numerous at this spring meeting than at any other. The same is improving at a surprising rate at this time. Every meeting shows an improvement. To-morrow will be one of the banner days, as a very good card will be presented, with special features attractive to the Washingtonians.

There is much talk of trouble in the ranks of the Metropolitan Turf Association, but the chances are that there is more smoke than fire. There is a growing feeling against the admission of Western bookmakers, who too often prove disturbing factors. At the same time the M. T. A. cannot expect to make their association an exclusive monopoly in the East. It is said that there will be a hot time at the next meeting of the M. T. A.

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\$2,000 BRIBE TO SAVE DR. FLOWER.

George Edward Mills, Law Partner of the Son of Indicted Mining Promoter, Arrested After He Had Handed a Detective Money, Which He Thought Would Go to Assistant District Attorney Garvan.

FELL INTO TRAP THAT WAS SET FOR HIM AND HELD IN \$5,000 BAIL.

Lawyer, on Signal from Mr. Garvan, was Photographed as the Money was Paid for the Original Indictments Charging Dr. Flower with Grand Larceny in Mining Stock Operations.

George Edward Mills, law partner of the son of Dr. R. O. Flower, fell into a very cleverly arranged trap to-day. As a result he was arraigned this afternoon before Magistrate Pool in the Centre Street Court charged with attempting to bribe Assistant District Attorney Garvan to turn over to him the original indictments against Dr. Flower in return for twenty one-hundred-dollar bills.

According to the story told by Detective Brinley, who is specially assigned to Mr. Garvan's office, a few days after the Grand Jury found several indictments against Dr. Flower accusing him of grand larceny Mr. Mills came to him and asked him if Mr. Garvan could be approached. Brinley led the lawyer on and he finally intimated that if the original indictments against Dr. Flower could be obtained the case would fall. Brinley told Mr. Garvan of the lawyer's proposal and it was arranged between them to entrap him.

The next time Mills called on Brinley the detective told him that Mr. Garvan could be fixed and that he could have the original indictments against his partner's father for \$2,000. Brinley made an appointment with the lawyer to meet him and Mr. Garvan in Hean's restaurant, in the Syndicate Building, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when they would give him the original indictments against Flower for \$2,000.

The trio met as arranged and sat down to a small table. Mr. Mills was smiling and fairly bristling with good humor, and they had hardly been seated when he began crinkling some fresh new gold certificates suggestively.

"I've got the stuff," he opened with an engaging smile.

"All right, produce," returned Brinley, taking a bundle of indictments out of his pocket and half reaching it across the table.

"Here you are," said the lawyer, drawing a small flat package from his pocket, opening it and counting out twenty one hundred dollar bills. Then he passed the money over the table, placing it in the detective's hand, at the same time receiving a bundle of indictments.

Just at this moment Mr. Garvan jumped up and signalled to several photographers who snapped Mr. Mills in the very act of passing the money to Brinley. Then the Assistant District Attorney quietly notified the lawyer that he was under arrest.

DISCOVERY STAGGERED HIM.

Mills was completely staggered upon the discovery of his downfall and leaned back in his chair agape with astonishment and pale with fear. He trembled as if with ague as he was being taken to the police court.

When Mills was taken to the Criminal Court building he was conducted to Sergt. Walsh's office and searched. Walsh turned out of the prisoner's pockets one \$1,000 bill, three \$100 bills, one \$50 bill, two \$20 bills, one \$5 bill, four \$1 bills and a handful of small change. Under instructions from Assistant District Attorney Rand the number of these bills were taken and they were returned to the lawyer.

According to Mr. Rand, besides this money a number of papers of an incriminating character were found in the lawyer's pockets. These were taken charge of by Mr. Rand, who refused to disclose their nature.

MILLS'S LAWYER ANGRY.

"When Mills was arraigned before Magistrate Pool, Benjamin Steinhardt, of the firm of Howe & Hummel, appeared as his counsel. Assistant District Attorney Rand presented the formal complaint. Steinhardt denounced the trap into which his client had fallen as an outrageous piece of trickery.

"I was informed some time ago," said Mr. Steinhardt, "that Mr. Garvan had given these indictments to a detective to see what he could get out of them."

Even the Magistrate smiled at this remarkable statement. The lawyer, after dwelling on the fact that Mills was a reputable member of the bar, asked that he be paroled in his custody. Mr. Rand objected to this, and the Court fixed bail at \$5,000 and set the examination down for Sunday morning. Mills said he would furnish bail before night.



Assistant District Attorney Garvan.